**LiLI Steering Committee Meeting**

**March 15, 2012**

**9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Participants:** Ann Joslin, Cathy Poppino, Eric Suess, Gina Persichini, Glynda Pflieger, Jan Wall, Jane Somerville, Katy Place, Lynn Johnson, Margie Rupple, Marj Hooper, Mary Dewalt, Myrna Weikal, Nancy Reese, Sandi Shropshire, Sue Niewenhous, Sue Bello, Susan Tabor-Boesch, and Teresa Lipus

**“online @ your library”**

After a brief overview of the project accomplishments to date, participants discussed possible uses of remaining funds from the grant award. The conversation turned to establishment of an ebook service.

**eBook Discussion**

* Idea: Gather public domain ebooks into a batch, catalog them, make the MARC records available to libraries.
  + Look at Colorado program sharing Project Gutenberg titles
* Overdrive was hard to work with and just not stable. Not comfortable spending budget on them.
* High demand for ebooks from users.
* Offer classes on how to use Kindle, E-reader, and other devices. Library users have them whether the service is in place at the library or not.
* The fact that you never own the book is a hard concept to understand; libraries (and consumers when they buy) are only purchasing a license to access the content.
* ALA guide to ebooks was helpful (<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/archives/issue/januaryfebruary-2012-ebooks-supplement>)
* New common core standards for schools with require Informational text be 70% of reading material by 12th grade.
* Need digital library classes embedded
* Summer reading helps with getting kids reading

**LSTA State Plan**

Marj Hooper provided results of the planning exercise from previous meeting. Clarification need on Page 2 of SWOT results: Opportunities-data curation. Is that the same as digital curation?

* Moving into the planning process
* The plan will be complete by the middle of May
* The five year LSTA state plan will be put on website when finished

**ICfL Update**

Ann Joslin reported on recent presentations to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC), the House and Senate Educations Committees, and the State Board of Education.

JFAC Budget presentation focused on existing programs, staffing levels and salaries, and the agency’s enhancement requests. The agency requested enhancements for the Read To Me program, continued funding of LearningExpress Library, and costs to cover contractual inflation for LiLI Unlimited services. The questions posed by JFAC members addressed ebooks, staffing needs, and clarification on enhancement requests. The committee passed a suggested appropriation that included enhancements of $100,000 enhancement for Read To Me and approximately $17,000 for part of the LiLI Unlimited contract inflation. Requests for additional databases and continuing LearningExpress Library were not filled. The agency currently has 7 vacant positions and is working to fill one of those.

During Ann Joslin’s presentations to the House and Senate Education Committees, she provided an update on Internet filtering as requested by one member, plus information about the role of libraries in college and career readiness.

**Boise Schools OneSearch**

Sue Bello of the Boise School District demonstrated the district’s new OneSearch system allowing federate search options to students in the district. Using OneSearch, students can search and find content in the library catalog and other electronic databases with a single search.

Discussion:

* Each school library can set up their links to the databases used by their students. It may be different from school to school.
* In Boise, the Gale products are most popular databases used.
* With logo changes, ICfL staff will be looking at updating the branding information for libraries to use when linking to LiLI.org from their own website. It is important for parents, students, administrators, and teachers to know how the databases are funded.
* It would be helpful to have a one-search option in LiLI.org

Participants expressed an interest in seeing demonstrations of federated searching tools / discovery tools to get a better idea of potential functionality. Surveys and feedback often indicate a desire for federated searching, but it would be helpful to know what kind of functionality users are really looking for. Demonstrations would provide an opportunity to learn more and ask more informed questions when considering products.

**LiLI.org Mobile Application - Update on staff findings**

Staff have spent considerable time investigating the options for creating a mobile application for LiLI.org. Because some of the vendors do not have mobile-friendly interfaces, it is not very desirable to create a mobile app for LiLI, then lead the user to a site that is not mobile-friendly. Options exist to create an app that includes only the mobile-friendly content, though staff will still need to work out authentication layers. Ebsco has their own mobile application available now. The LiLI.org site continues to see improvement make it more friendly in a mobile environment. Staff continue to encounter conflicting information about the need for a mobile application for the type of research done with LiLI.org. The topic remains a point of interest for staff and will continue to be investigated.

Desired Functionality

* Pushing vendors to get on board with mobile interfaces would be first step
* BSU does have a mobile webpage for the library that list databases that have mobile interfaces-most used app as computer lab solutions that shows availability of free computers
* An application showing which libraries offer free WiFi would be interesting

**Participant Updates**

Susan Tabor Boesch, Wood River Middle School:

* approved for a subscription for Overdrive
* teaching a class on Mobile devices
* Presented at the Middle Level Teacher conference last week-on LiLI

Cathy Poppino, St Lukes Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Library:

* really busy at the hospital-enjoyed moved in our new hospital
* offering staff Customer Service training featuring the library as an example of good customer service

Jane Somerville, Stanley Community Public Library District:

* offering conversational Spanish opportunities
* LTAI this year has had record attendance
* currently looking into checking out laptops
* looking into purchasing ereaders to check out

Mary DeWalt, Ada Community Library:

* Lynx! strategic plan finishing up
* Janice Campbell has been appointed intern director at Eagle Public Library
* Treasure Valley’s Read Me program is just finishing up
  + 30 different events were quite successful
  + next year ties into the 150 anniversary celebration for the Idaho territory
* ADA County Lynx! members received a grant for young adults fiscal education through ALA’s Smart investing @your library
* Connecting To Collections implementation grant going out

Sue Bello, Boise School District:

* District is offering a collaboration process
  + We committed 45 min a week to this process
  + pulling library into the collaboration
  + Excited about adding public libraries to this collaboration

Lynn Johnson, Mountain View School District:

* presentation to teachers about LiLI
* getting new carpet in our library
* VALNET consortium moving to KOHA system for their ILS
  + setting up the new preferences has been an interesting adventure

Eric Suess, Marshall Public Library (Pocatello):

* involved in committee to plan the 150 year territorial celebration
  + attempting to bring the attention to the library
* annual ILA conference in Pocatello
  + “Everywhere You Want to Be” theme for silent auction from an international perspective. Taking donations for the auction.
  + Also look for more info on the “Amazing Race” as a fund raiser alongside the auction

Sandi Shropshire, Idaho State University:

* 4 vacancies and we are starting our search to fill them
* Hoping to have PRIMO federated search up and running by fall semester
* hoping to offer a 4 credit library class

Sue Niewenhous, Lewis Clark State College:

* Working on our Strategic plan
* new director search at Lewiston Library as Dawn Whitman is retiring in May

Myrna Weikal, Midvale Community Library:

* excited about the Southwest ILA conference in April at the Arts West School in Eagle

Glynda Pfleiger – ICfL School Library Consultant

* invited to submit article School Board National magazine
  + due in early April
  + best practices in a 21st Century Learning environment
  + Feel free to send us your stories and photos

Jan Wall, ICfL Field Consultant:

* Erate finishing up, still have 12 libraries to finish, helped 32 libraries complete their forms
* Been following legislation
  + PERSI bill stopped House Bill 607 added the words “seasonal workers”
  + Strategic plan and performance measurement have to be made available online

Gina Persichini, ICfL Networking Consultant:

* LILI Unlimited renewal letters will be going out in the next month
* Working with Glynda and Teresa Lipus (Public Information Specialist) to write an article for the Idaho School Board Association’s *SLATE* publication.
* Submitted an article to the Idaho School Counselors association about the availability of LearningExpress Library for students.
* Will be attending the Idaho Career Development Conference put on by Department of Labor in order to networking with others to share information about LiLI.org and LearningExpress Library.
* LILI will have a Vendor Space at Meridian Schools Tech Expo in August/September.

**Next meeting**

* Gina will send out Doodle pool to determine a good meeting time.
* Agenda items:
  + Invite vendors to demonstrate federate search tools
  + Invite OCLC to share about developments
  + Discuss recommendations from LSTA 5 Year Evaluation

**Next Steps**

* Look at new information for branding
* Recap by Shirley on Creditable Connections
* Gina will send out a Doodle for best time for next meeting-Sometime in June